



Rock Creek Fire Update

9/13/2016 8:00 a.m. PT

Fire Information: (509) 653-1468

A closure order has been issued by the Okanogan – Wenatchee National Forest for portions of the National Forest System Lands and trails within the Naches Ranger District around the fire area.

Location – The Rock Creek Fire is burning in the Naches Ranger District 12 miles northwest of Naches, Washington in the Rock Creek drainage east of SR 410.

Yesterday's Operations – Firefighters continued to work hard to hold the northwest portion of the fire below road the Forest Service Road (FSR) 1720. The southwest flank of the fire, above residences in Rock Creek, is being mopped up and secured. In the southeastern portion of the fire crews began burning out along the FSR 1701 to extend and widen the fireline. Helicopters continued to be used to suppress small new spot fires and “flare ups” on all flanks.

Today's Operations – There are several suppression tactics being utilized to contain the Rock Creek Fire. In portions of the south and northwest flanks, fire crews are using roads and building fireline directly adjacent to the fire's edge where it is safe to do so and likely to succeed. In the north and eastern flanks, roads away from the burning perimeter are being used as containment lines where the terrain and slope features increase the chances of success and provide for firefighters' safety. On these “indirect” fire lines, firefighters often light fires that back down toward the main fire to provide a wider containment buffer. Helicopters will continue to be used to suppress small new spot fires “flare ups” on all flanks.

Weather and Fire Behavior – A strong high pressure is building over the area which is expected to bring several days of dry and warm weather. Winds are expected to be lighter than yesterday and again from the northeast/east. These conditions are conducive to active fire spread and any embers that fall outside the firelines are likely to readily ignite and spread.

Evacuations – A Level Two evacuation notice (i.e. be fully prepared to leave the area) remains in effect for people residing east of SR 410 from just south of Cliffdell to Forest Road 1701.

Closures – Reference closure order and map on INCIWEB at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/5025/33709/>

- Closure begins from the southeast point at the junction of FSR 1701 and SR 410.
- Closure continues northeast along the south side of FSR 1701 to the junction with FSR 1714 and 1713.
- Closure then runs east along the south side of FSR 1714 to the junction with FSR 1714-615.
- Closure then runs east following the 17-615 to NF boundary and extends due east beyond the NF boundary for approximately 0.46 miles into DNR ownership.
- Closure then turns due north and continues north for approximately 5.6 miles to the northeast corner of Section 19.
- Closure then turns north and runs for 2 miles to Naches Cle Elum District boundaries and follows that until 4X4 Route 686.
- Closure travels westerly on 4X4 Route 686 on to FSR 1708 and westerly to SR 410.
- Closure follows SR 410 easterly to its point of origin at FSR 1701.

For additional information see:

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5025/>

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Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Size:	641 acres
Fire Containment:	15%
Incident Commander:	Eric Knerr, Incident Commander
Resources on the Fire:	Crews: 8 Helicopters: 4 Engines: 20 Dozers: 3 Water Tenders: 3
Total Personnel:	324
Jurisdiction:	Washington DNR Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Social Media:	www.facebook.com/OkaWenNF